

Amendments to the Drawings:

Applicant has amended Figure 2 by providing the correct version of this figure. As explained in more detail in the Remarks section of this paper, the international application from which the subject application claims priority was filed with an incorrect version of Figure 2; however, the Japanese application from which the international application and the subject application claim priority was filed with the correct version of Figure 2 (see the attached certified copy of Japanese Application No. JP 2002-252769 and the attached English translation thereof). The attached sheet of replacement drawings replaces the original sheet of drawings having Figure 2 thereon.

Attachments: 1) One (1) sheet of replacement drawings with Figure 2 thereon;
2) Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. JP 2002-252769; and
3) English translation of Japanese Patent Application No. JP 2002-252769.

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application.

Applicants have amended Figure 2 by providing the correct version of this figure. As noted in the "Amendments to the Drawings" section of this paper, the international application from which the subject application claims priority was filed with an incorrect version of Figure 2 and, consequently, the subject application includes the incorrect version of Figure 2. The Japanese application from which the international application and the subject application claim priority includes the correct version of Figure 2. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.57(a), Applicants request that the inadvertently omitted portion of the Japanese application, i.e., Figure 2, be added to the subject application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.57(a)(1)(i) and (ii), Applicants are attaching 1) a certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. JP 2002-252769 and 2) an English translation of Japanese Patent Application No. JP 2002-252769. As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.57(a)(1)(iii), Applicants state that the inadvertently omitted portion of the drawings can be found in Figure 2 of the Japanese application.

As set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.57(a), Applicants' claim to priority based on the Japanese application constitutes an incorporation by reference of the specification and drawings of the Japanese reference as to the inadvertently omitted Figure 2. Accordingly, Applicants' undersigned representative submits that the addition of the correct version of Figure 2 does not introduce any new matter.

Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits for claims 1-21. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 749-6902. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. YOKOP030).

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